Miscellaneous Info about Repairing Swinging Bridge in Pontiac, Illinois, in 1966

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Oct. 1966 R.

Notice the skirt they have just under the bridge, where they stood to repair. This is before it was completed.

→ Suspended scaffold.

Oct. 1966 R.

Bud
Harold
Clarence
Dale
Chic.

Oct, 1966 R.

Harold

Bud

Dale

Chic.

Marie

Mom

Swinging Bridge

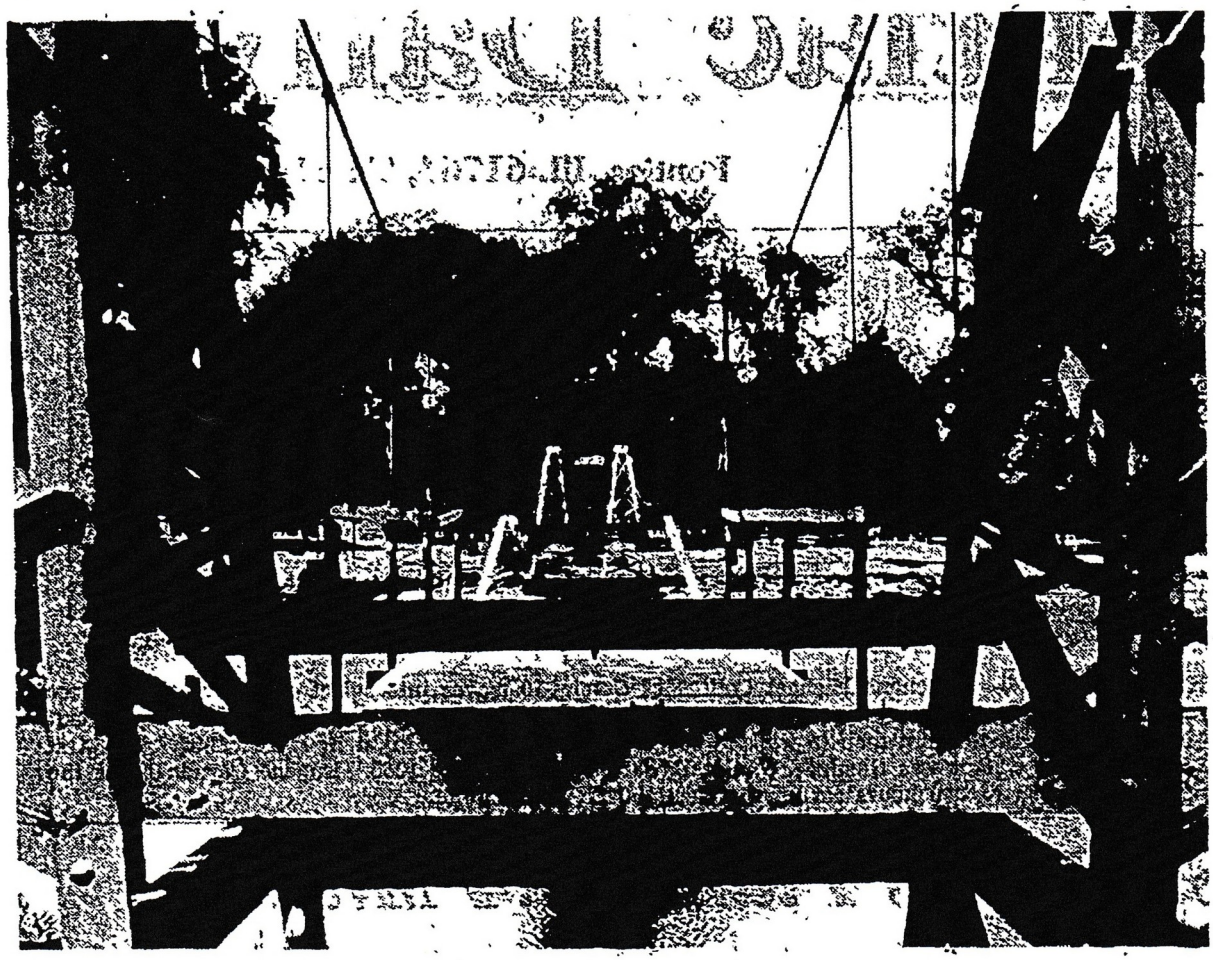
Major improvement is needed for the swinging bridge from Chautauqua Park to Play Park, aldermen learned Monday night. The bridge has been closed by the building inspector, due to its unsafe condition.

Alderman Richard Lebo, who recently surveyed the swinging bridge condition, stated, "I think it's really going to need a major overhaul job." From cost figures he obtained, Lebo estimated that the repair bill might be as high as $4,000 to $5,000. He added that the other swinging bridge in the area should be painted to prevent dry rot.

Approve Repair Of Swinging Bridge

Repair of the swinging bridge from Chautauqua Park to Play Park was approved Monday night by the City Council. Repairs will be done by Jones Bros. of Pontiac.

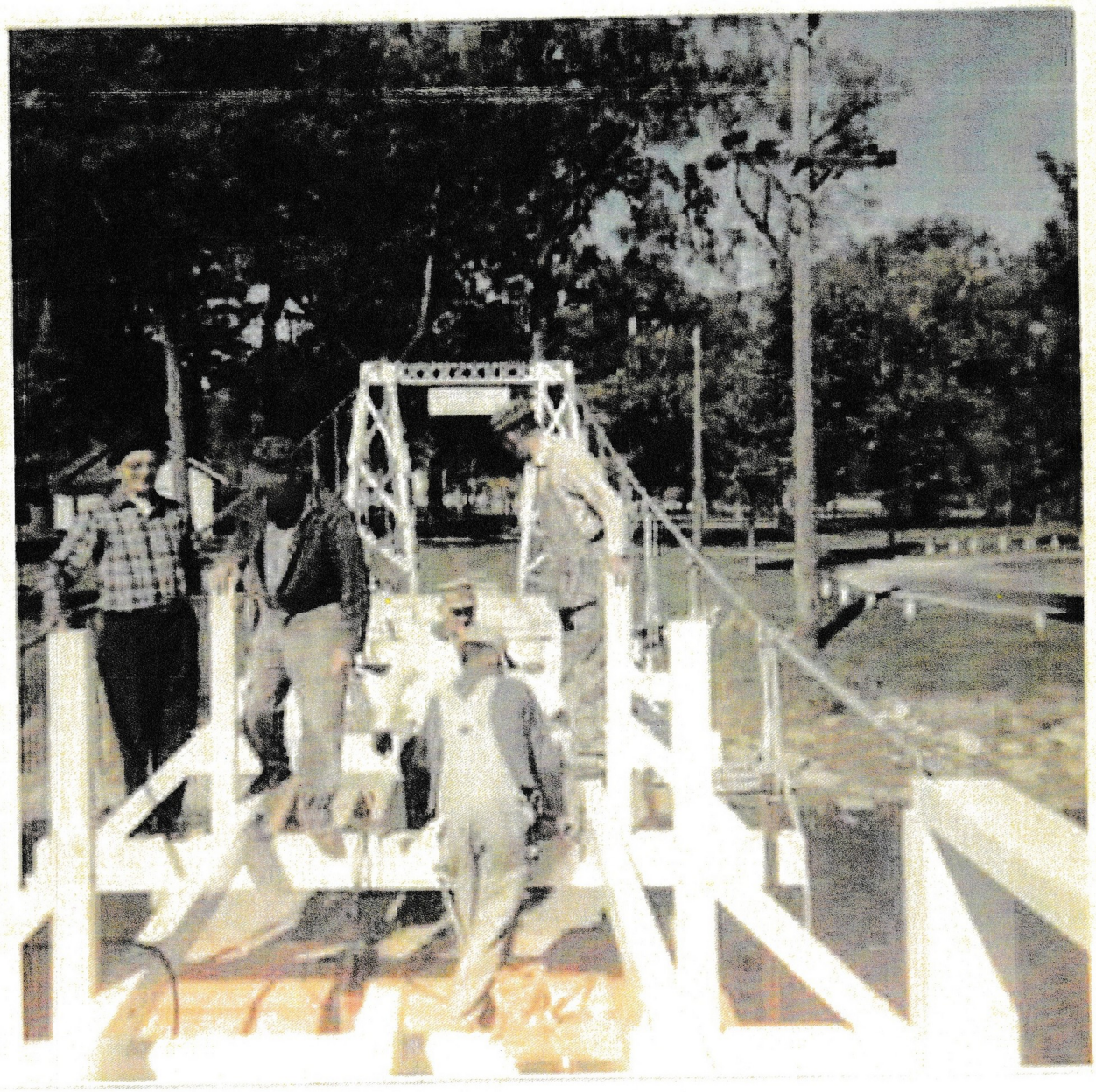
The bridge has been closed by the building inspector, due to its unsafe condition. Alderman Richard Lebo commented that children are climbing over the barricades and using the bridge in spite of the city's closing. Jones Bros. will repair the bridge on a cost of material plus labor arrangement. It was estimated that the cost of the bridge repair could go as high as $6,000. The Council stipulated that the building inspector, Gail W. Metcalf, will have supervision over the project when it is begun.



BRIDGE CONSTRUCTION BEGINS—Repairs have begun on the swinging bridge leading from Play Park to Chautauqua Park. Building inspector Gail W. Metcalf, supervisor of the project, said that scaffolding has been hung from the existing cables of the bridge to enable workmen to replace most of the wooden structure. City council gave approval for the project at their June 6th meeting. The area had been closed by the building inspector due to its unsafe condition. The condition of the bridge was brought to the attention of the council at its May 17th meeting. Repairs are being made by Jones Bros., Pontiac.—(Leader Photo.)

PLAY PARK SWINGING BRIDGE — Vermilion River was lapping at the swinging bridge leading from Brockton Heel Co. building to Play Park early this morning. Play Park was completely under water with slides and swings sticking up ont of the water. Water level had not reached the other swinging bridge leading from the park to the Chautauqua Park area when this photo was taken.—(Leader Photo.)

Jones Brothers Bud and Dale Swinging Bridge, Pontiac, Illinois October 1966



Jones Brothers on Swinging Bridge, Pontiac, Illinois October 1966

Miscellaneous information about Jones Bros., Provided by Roger Jones in June of 2026

Jones Brothers Construction was formed after WWII by Clarence and Harold Jones, two of 5 boys raised by Andrew and Ella Jones, on a farm at the corner of Rt. 116 and Road 6000. Two of their 3 brothers, Dale and Aubson, are also pictured and had careers in construction. The fifth brother, Floyd, had a career farming in the Moweaqua area.

In WWII three of the sons served, Harold and Floyd in the European theater and Clarence in the U.S. Air Corps at the national radar training facility in Boca Raton, Florida. Harold and Floyd were able to arrange a meeting while in Europe but it is unknown if we were still in contact or if the war had recently ended.

Jones Brothers remained a small contractor of custom-built homes, home-built cabinetry, remodels, and farm building construction and repairs.